(*e*) No such instructions were given. But D.D.P.I., Chitradurga was requested to enquire into the matter immediately and if necessary the interview may be postponed, until the matter is settled.

The reasons for such requests are :

(i) The interview fixed was very hurried, since the District Educational Officer, Shimoga was to retire the very next day of the interview.

(ii) About 60 applicants who had applied for the posts from. Shimoga District had approached the Deputy Minister for Health and requested him to enquire into the matter, since the majority of the candidates who came for interview were from Dharwar District only.

(*f*) The Deputy Minister for Health brought to the notice of the Education Department certain aspects of the matter. He has done nothing repugnant to the Rules of Business.

Construction of Bridges across Kulgod and Timmapur Nallas and on Ghataprabha Near Tigadi

31. Sri A. R. PANCHAGAVI (Arabhavi).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Arabhavi-Yalwad-Lokapur road was formed long back ;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the said road is still not an all-weather road and communication is cut off during the rainy season ;

(*c*) whether representations have been made several times for the construction of bridges across Kulgod and Timmapur nallas and also for an all-weather bridge on Ghataprabha near Tigadi ;

(*d*) the steps Government has taken to construct the abovementioned bridges and to improve the said road ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Will be considered subject to the availability of funds.